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SUBJECT AREA DESCRIPTION OF PEVEKE			
AREA REPORTED ON PEVEKE: USSR		FROM (Agency) 7050 AISW (USAF)	
DATE OF REPORT 13 - 14 Oct 54	DATE OF INFORMATION Aug 48 - Apr 50		EVALUATION C-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) W. L. VAN METER, Major, USAF		SOURCE 270567	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			
I. PREAMBLE: While SOURCE was PW at MURMANSK (68 58N/33 05E) he stole a fish, was sentenced to 12 years penal labor camp for stealing national property. Aug 48 - Apr 50 was in penal labor camp at PEVEKE (69 42N/170 17E) for his offence. Worked as constr. helper, driver on constr. site of power plant at PEVEKE. SOURCE knew area fairly well by own observations. SOURCE had no info other than given in Rpt; all figures are appr. unless otherwise specified. II. LIST OF INSTALLATIONS AND POINTS OF INTEREST: Ref. to Incl. 1, this Rpt, Overlay of AAF AERONAUTICAL CHART # 65 of WRANGEL ISLAND, on which SOURCE identified: 1. EAST SIBERIAN SEA. Frozen Oct - Jul. 2. ISLAND RAUTAN. 3. PEVEKE, 1,500 population, Russians. Penal labor camp not included. SOURCE knew from hearsay that settlement was founded 1941. Ref. to Incl. 2, Memory Sketch of Area of PEVEKE, on which SOURCE identified: 1. EAST SIBERIAN SEA, same as Pt. 1, Incl. 1. 2. MOUNTAIN RANGE along shore line. 3. AIRFIELD. SOURCE was there only once in evening twilight Sep 49. Served as landing field for twin, 4-engine transport aircraft. Brought medicaments, important supplies. Loaded ore packed in sacks. Observed 3 wood frame constr. bldgs. According to truck's speedometer, airfield was 12 km distant from PEVEKE. Airfield had to be so situated because of hilly terrain around PEVEKE. 4. HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE. Under constr Sep 50. 5. ROAD, 3m wide, sand, gravel. Branched from road Pt. 6, led to airfield Pt. 3. 6. ROAD, 3m wide, dirt. Passing places several hundred meters apart. Road maintenance stations installed every 15 km. Crews consisted of 30 penal laborers. Maintained road year around. Led east into hilly inland to mines KRASNO ARMENSK, KRASNO DAROK (coordinates not available). Mined black colored ore. 7. POND, collected water from hills in vicinity. Supplied PEVEKE with water. During winter months ice was cut by population. 8. ROAD, same constr. details as Pt. 6. Was 14 km long, led to 3 mines at RUDNIK (coordinates not available). 9. PENAL LABOR CAMP, 11 wood frame constr bldgs, 20x6x3m, boarded low ridged gable roofs. 6 barracks housed 700 Russian penal laborers. SOURCE was only German. Other barracks housed guards, medical section, kitchen. 2 INCLS. #1. Overlay of WRANGEL ISLAND. #2. Memory Sketch of Area of PEVEKE.			
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10. RESIDENTIAL AREAS. Built up with single story, wood frame constr bldgs.
11. WINTER LANDING STRIP. Ice of sea Pt. 1 strong enough to support also 4-engined transport aircraft. In summer sometimes twin engined sea planes landed.
12. SIX TANKS, cylindrical, above ground. Stored oil, diesel oil. SOURCE observed tanks from distance only. Tankers arriving during summer months pumped fuel directly into tanks.
13. HARBOR. No pier available. Shore line seemed to be steep enough to allow ships to approach shore to distance of 10m.
14. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION BLDG. Wood frame constr, 2 story, 25x10x9m, boarded low ridged gable roof.
15. THERMAL ELECTRIC POWER PLANT, ref. to Rpt. B.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION:

East Siberian Sea Pt. 1, Incl. 1, was navigable from Jul - 10 Oct. Last ship had to leave PEVEKE 10 Oct. Convey of 4 - 6 ships arrived, mostly 10,000 tons, accompanied by icebreaker. Passage thru large blocks of ice had to be opened. Single ships seldom arrived. All food supplies arrived by ship, also all constr materials like lumber, cement. Gasoline in 200 liter barrels brought. Ore filled into empty gasoline barrels, each full ore barrel weighed 500 kg. PEVEKE was supply point for entire area. Three year stock level of food, consisted of peeled barley, groats, backwheat. Stored in open air, covered with canvas.

Regardless of temperature, penal laborers had to work all year around. Lowest temperature minus 52° C, on average minus 45-48° C. Area administered by two polit majors, had their office at PEVEKE in administration bldg Pt. 14, Incl. 2. There was also a general in the area, administered mine 120 km off PEVEKE, accessible by road Pt. 6, which terminated at 80th km at one mine, branch road at 120th km at mine supervised by this general. SOURCE heard from other penal laborers that this mining area was 1,200m above sea level, all inmates suffered from lack of oxygen. Knew from hearsay that uranium ore was mined.

Soviet expeditions came in summer months into area on caterpillar vehicles and searched for ores. Left area in Oct by aircraft. Civilian workers had to sign contract for 3 years to stay in this area, could extend if still capable to work. Penal laborers had to serve all their time in arctic region. Lack of vitamins compensated by a preparation extracted from fir-cones. All supply trips conducted by 3½, 4 ton ZIS trucks, had no special devices for arctic region, cooled with water. To get them to run, drivers made fire of diesel oil beneath engine, preheated them. When supply vehicles en route were stopped by arctic snow storm, drivers drained radiator, crews left truck and attempted to reach next road maintenance station. Once a truck was found, motor still running, the driver was frozen in his cabin. PEVEKE had a radio station located 8 km off settlement at road Pt. 6, Incl. 2. The indigenous Chuckcheens lived in tents, were engaged in breeding reindeers. Herds were public property, reindeer meat used to feed free population, penal laborers. Chuckcheens disliked Soviet system; a college for their children was at PEVEKE to teach them Russian language.

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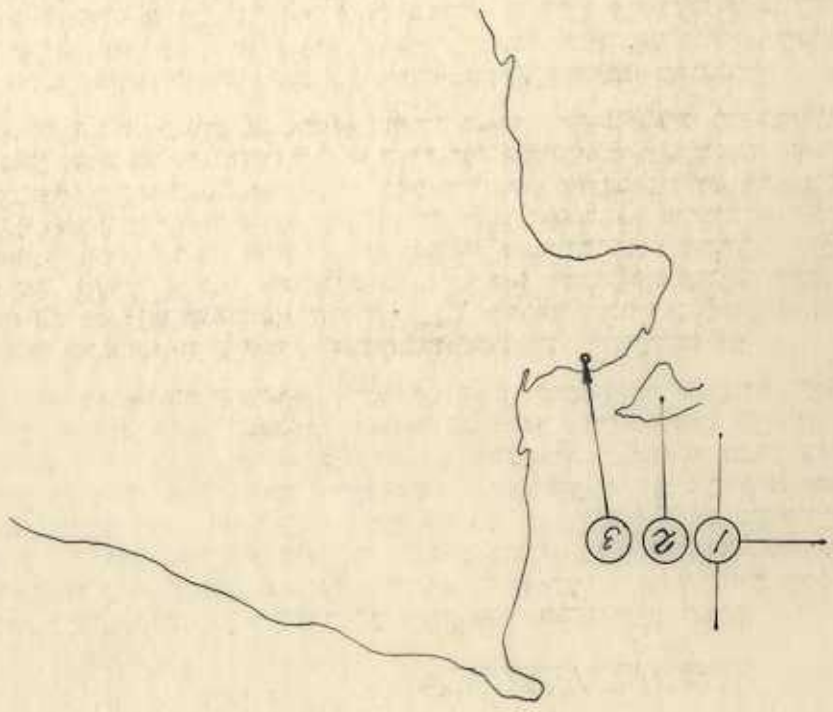
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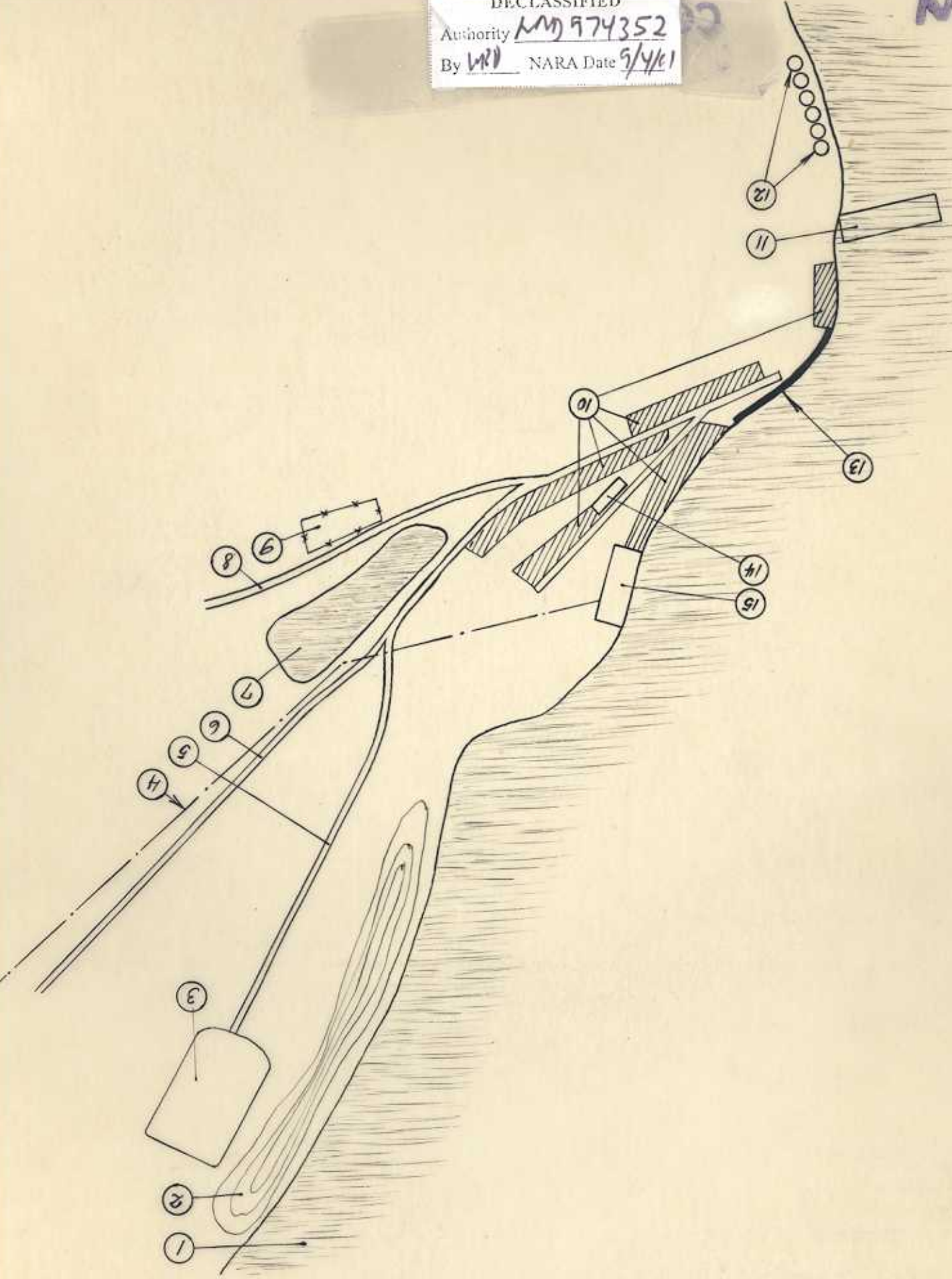
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Overlay of AAF Aeronautical Chart # 65

of WRANGEL ISLAND
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 Memory Sketch of Area
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I. PREAMBLE: Aug 48 - Apr 50, SOURCE was penal laborer at PEVEKE (69 42N/170 17E). Worked as construction helper, driver on construction site of thermal power plant. Had free movement during work, was able to describe all bldgs of installation. SOURCE had no info other than given in Rpt; all figures are appr. unless otherwise specified.

II. IDENTIFICATION DATA:

Ref. to Pt. 15, Incl. 2, Rpt. A, locating this Thermal Power Plant in the area of PEVEKE.

III. PLANT LAYOUT:

Ref. to Incl. 1, this Rpt, Memory Sketch of Thermal Power Plant at PEVEKE, on which SOURCE identified:

1. EAST SIBERIAN SEA.
2. COAL DUMP, 3 days stock level. Main dump was in harbor, Pt. 13, Incl. 2, Rpt. A. Coal hauled by trucks from harbor.
3. FENCE, boarded, 3m high. Enclosed area 100x50m.
4. GATE, 4m wide, 2 wings.
5. POWER HOUSE, still unstuccoed cement slag blocks, 30m long in south, 20m in southwest, 10m in northeast, 12m high, sheet metal gable roof.
 - A. BOILER ROOM, 2 boilers.
 - B. TWO SMOKESTACKS, 5 mm thick sheet metal, round, protruded roof 1m.
 - C. PUMPING STATION. Pumped water from trucks into reservoirs. Boiler water hauled by trucks from pond Pt. 7, Incl. 2, Rpt. A. In winter ice was used, thawed in reservoirs.
 - D. TWO GENERATORS AND TURBINES.
6. GATE, 4m wide, 2 wings; pedestrian gate immediately southeast.
7. ADMINISTRATION BLDG, wood frame constr, 8x4x3.5m, boarded low ridged gable roof.
8. PUMPING STATION, wood frame construction, 4x4x3m, boarded low ridged gable roof. Pumped water all year round for power plant from sea Pt. 1.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION AND OPERATIONAL DATA:

Constr started in 1948, completed in Jun 49. Until completion of plant PEVEKE

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INCLS.

- #1. Memory Sketch of Thermal Power Plant at PEVEKE.
- #2. Memory Sketch of High Voltage Line Masts observed near PEVEKE.

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was supplied with power by diesel generators. Plant supplied PEVEKE and mines at RUDNIK (coordinates not available). Power was transmitted thru underground cable to northeast vicinity of PEVEKE, from there two types of wooden high voltage line masts were erected to mines at KRASNO ARMENSY, KRASNO DAROK (coordinates not available). Ref. to Incl. 2, this Rpt, Memory Sketch of High Voltage Line Masts observed near PEVEKE. Two installed turbines Pt. 5D had capacity of 1,000 KW each, were of US origin. It was planned to enlarge power house and to install 2 more US generators and turbines, each of 1,000 KW, 1 German generator with turbine of 4,500 KW.

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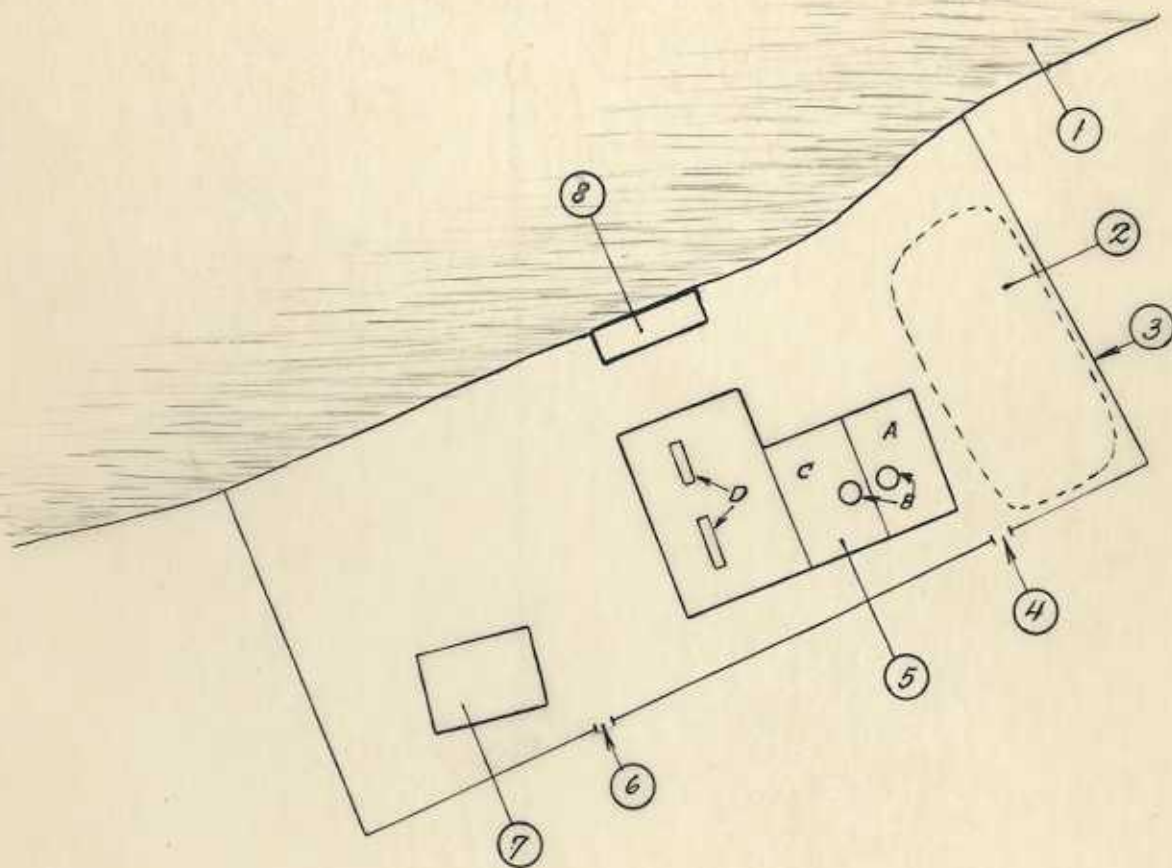
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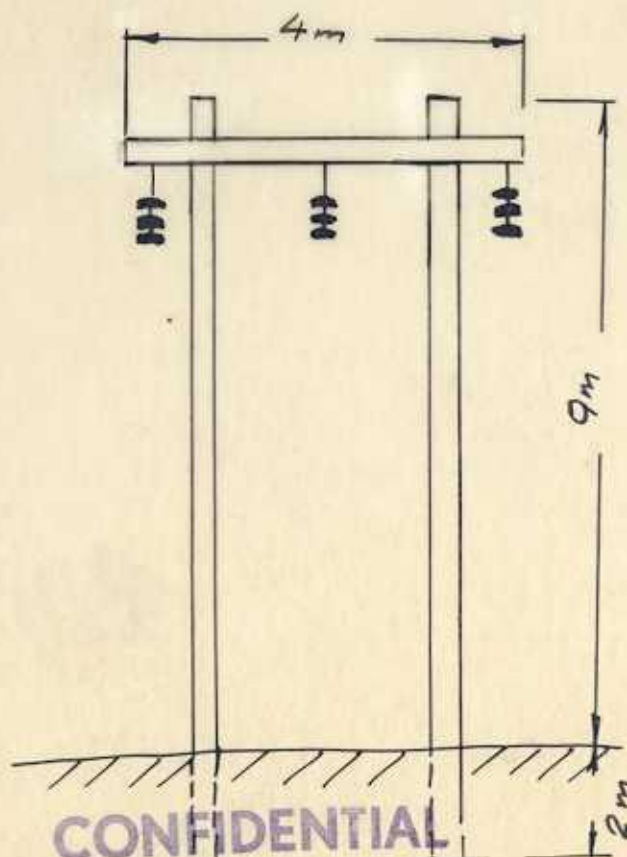
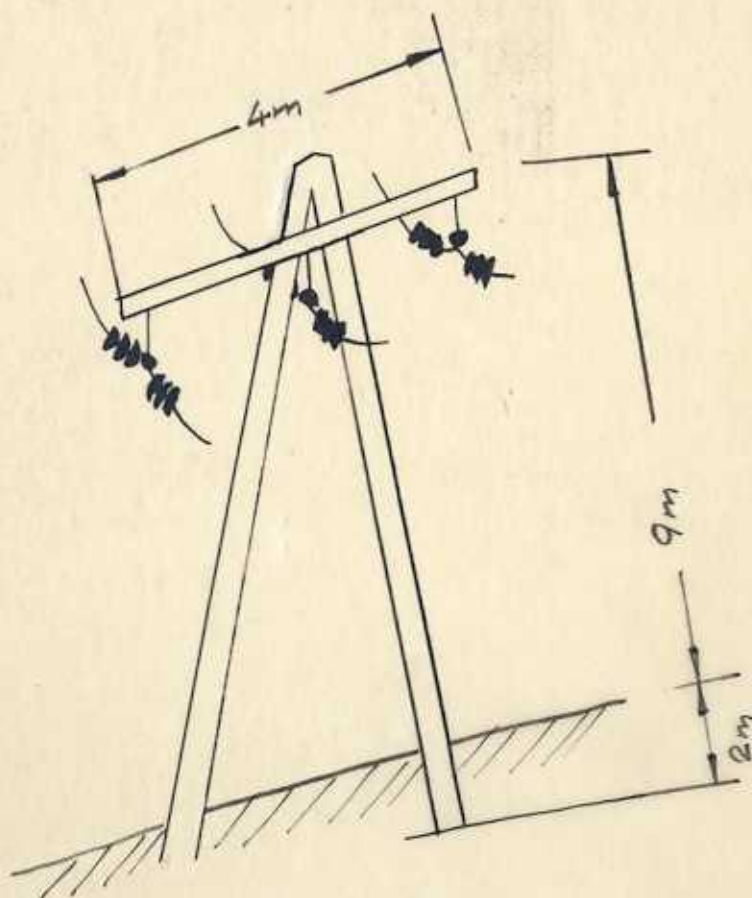


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Memory Sketch of High Voltage
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